

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, September 26, 2005.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

God, Our Creator, in whom we place our trust and hope, we look to You for guidance in addressing the challenges and opportunities of these exciting and challenging times. We depend upon Your gift of wisdom for direction in our attempts to implement wisely our current technological advances and new life scientific discoveries. In our quest for new knowledge inspire us to be guided by our human and spiritual values and traditional principles which strengthen respect for the dignity and value of each individual person. May we be patient and attentive listeners to the diverse views of people in our communities, but faithful to our personal goals, values and religious beliefs and truths. May we remain united as a people, in seeking the common good of all.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Anthony S. Aprea.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Canavan of Brockton) congratulating Anthony S. Aprea of West Bridgewater upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

Federal Communications Commission.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill and other members of the House) memorializing the Federal Communications Commission relative to the early termination fees imposed by cellular telephone companies;

Valerie Amaral.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Koczera of New Bedford) congratulations to Valerie Amaral for her reign as Miss New Bedford 2005;

Arc of Massachusetts.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Owens-Hicks of Boston) recognizing the fiftieth anniversary of the Arc of Massachusetts;

Lincoln Demoura.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough) in recognition of the retirement of Dr. Lincoln Demoura; and

Boston Courant.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Walz of Boston and other members of the House) congratulating the Boston Courant on the occasion of its tenth anniversary;

Mrs. Parente of Milford, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Linsky of

Natick, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petition.

Mr. Carron of Southbridge presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4382) of Mark J. Carron and Richard T. Moore (by vote of the town) relative to the Southbridge town charter; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Southbridge, home rule charter.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill providing incentives to the motion picture industry (House, No. 4252, amended) came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had insisted on its amendment (in which the House had non-concurred).

Motion picture industry.

The bill bore the further endorsement that the Senate had concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Creem, Timilty and Lees had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Committee of conference.

Reports of Committees.

By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, for the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1120) of Michael E. Festa and others relative to the humane treatment of disabled persons,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Children and Families; and

Disabled persons.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1089) of Robert J. Nyman and others relative to establishing a special commission to study student safety in the Commonwealth,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Student safety.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain land to the town of Milford (House, No. 1420) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Milford, land.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 4099, a Bill increasing penalties for drunk drivers in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4383). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Drunk drivers, penalties.

Economic
stability.

By Mr. Bosley of North Adams, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on House, No. 4324, a Bill relative to economic investments to promote job creation, economic stability, and competitiveness in the Massachusetts economy (House, No. 4381). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for said committee reported that the foregoing bill ought to pass. Referred, under Joint Rule 1F, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater, for said committee, reported that the same ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Braintree,
town
manager

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill establishing a town manager for the town of Braintree (Senate, No. 2157) be scheduled for consideration by the House. Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Public
services,
delivery.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3511) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to regulating the privatization of certain public services.

History
Month.

By Mr. Turkington of Falmouth, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3537) of Edward G. Connolly and others for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor establishing the month of March as International History Month.

Edward
Cohen,
plaque.

By the same member, for the same committee, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3538) of Steven M. Walsh and others for legislation to designate a plaque in the State House for Edward Cohen.

Scituate,
Lawson
Tower.

By the same member, for the same committee, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3539) of Frank M. Hynes for an appropriation of a certain sum of money for repairs and improvements to Lawson Tower, a historic landmark in the town of Scituate.

Severally referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matters be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule, they were placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question, in each instance, being on acceptance.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twenty-five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.